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SUBJ: LOS - CONSULTATIONS WITH AMB CISSE

BEGIN SUMMARY. US AMB AND LOS SPECIALIST NORDQUIST MET WITH GOS AMB CISSE ON OCT 23 TO REVIEW RESULTS OF CARACAS LOS SESSION. CISSE CANDIDLY INDICATED AREAS WHERE US AND AFRICANS HAD TO MOVE TO RECONCILE POSITIONS, WHICH, ON WHOLE, HE CONSIDERS NOT FAR APART. END SUMMARY.

1. AMB CISSE WHO LED SENEGALESE DEL TO CARACAS SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE MET WITH AMB AGGREY, DCM, EMB LOS OFFICER AND LOS SPECIALIST NORDQUIST. ASSISTANT SEC GEN OF FONMINISTRY BRUNO  
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DIATTA AND LT GUEYE OF SENEGALESE NAVY ALSO PARTICIPATED IN TWO

HOUR SESSION. CISSE BASED DISCUSSION AROUND US DRAFT ARTICLES ON ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF (A/CONF.62/C.2/L.47). HE STATED THAT US ARTICLES WERE "BEST THEY HAD SEEN" BUT HAD TWO PRINCIPAL DRAWBACKS. FIRST WAS PRIORITY IN ART 13 FOR TRADITIONAL FISHERMEN. SECOND WAS LACK OF COASTAL STATE AUTHORITY TO TRY AND PUNISH OFFENDING FISHERMEN. CISSE NOTED THAT SENEGAL WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT JURISDICTION IN 200-MILE ZONE WHICH COULD NOT BE ENFORCED. CISSE STATED THAT ONLY A FEW STATES IN AFRICAN GROUP WERE CONCERNED ABOUT STRAITS - MOROCCO AND EGYPT. HE CLEARLY INDICATED MOST AFRICANS DO NOT HAVE STRONG POSITIONS ON ISSUE AND EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF NEED FOR US AND SOVIETS TO "BALANCE" ONE ANOTHER. HOWEVER, HE DID BELIEVE THAT INDIVIDUAL SOLUTIONS MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR PARTICULAR STRAITS. WITH RESPECT TO DEEP SEABED, CISSE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT INTERPLAY BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY AND STATES WHOSE ECONOMIC INTERESTS WOULD BE AFFECTED. HE DID NOT WANT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO CONTROL PRICES. HE APPRECIATED NEED FOR REALISTIC PROTECTION FOR LARGE INVESTMENTS NECESSARY IF DEVELOPMENT OF DEEP SEABED WAS TO OCCUR. BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS TO FIND VOTING SYSTEM IN COUNCIL WHICH WOULD PROTECT BOTH DEVELOPING AND TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

2 AMB CISSE BELIEVED COASTAL STATES HAD TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL MARINE POLLUTION OFF THEIR COASTS BUT READILY AGREED THAT INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR VESSELS WERE DESIRABLE. HE STATED THAT AFRICAN STATES WERE NOT TRYING TO HINDER NAVIGATION UNDER GUISE OF POLLUTION CONTROL BUT WERE SINCERELY INTERESTED IN COPING WITH PROBLEM. HE THOUGHT COASTAL STATE SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO GRANT CONSENT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND HE PRAISED FRENCH POSITION WHICH PROVIDED PARTICIPATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING. AFTER EXPLANATION OF US POSITION, HE DID NOT RENEW POINT ABOUT NECESSITY FOR CONSENT AND LEFT DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD NOT REALIZED HOW FORTHCOMING US POSITION WAS.

3. AMB CISSE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN EVENSON CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK AND LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH AMB STEVENSON AND PROFESSOR MOORE. HE DEEPLY BELIEVES THAT TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR HARD DECISION MAKING AND COMPROMISE IN LOS. CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID SENEGAL WOULD VOTE AGAINST CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL FOR SECOND SESSION. AT SAME TIME HE WAS CAREFUL NOT TO BOX HIMSELF IN CORNER OF NOT ALLOWING POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLETE WORK IN 1975. HE REFERRED SEVERAL TIMES TO NEED FOR DRAFTING WORK BETWEEN GENEVA AND CARACAS SESSIONS.

4. COMMENT. IMPRESSION WAS LEFT THAT CISSE WILL SUPPORT

EFFORTS TO COMPLETE TREATY IN 1975 AND THAT, IN HIS JUDGMENT, A SECOND SESSION OF FIXED DURATION IN 1975 WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THAT END AS THERE WOULD BE AN EXCUSE FOR DELAY. HE STATED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PERU AND BRAZIL WOULD CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN TACTICAL MANEUVERS TO DELAY WORK IF THERE WERE ANY OPPORTUNITY. OVERALL, CISSE IS HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED ON LOS AND IS INTENT ON MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO REACH EARLY AGREEMENT BEFORE UNILATERALISM SETS IN. HE PARTICULARLY WELCOMED US ECONOMIC ZONE PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH DIFFICULTIES REMAINED ON CERTAIN FISHERIES ISSUES. HE WAS UNDERSTANDING ON STRAITS QUESTION. BIGGEST DIFFERENCES WITH US WERE IN DEEP SEABED. CISSE CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN AFRICAN GROUP. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT US HAD CONSULTED WITH HIM AND ALTHOUGH EXCEEDINGLY BUSY, WAS WELL PREPARED FOR DISCUSSIONS.

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